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Documents A1 – A3 and A6 were cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding International application. A copy of the International Search Report is attached setting forth the portion of each document considered relevant by the examiner.

Documents A4 and A5 were cited by the Examiner in Applicant's corresponding German application.

An English-language translation of the foreign-language documents is not readily available. The absence of a translation or an English-language counterpart document does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider any submitted document (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP§609). English language abstracts are attached for Documents A4 and A5.

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